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## Teen arrested by Elba Police on robbery charges

According to Coffee County Jail records, Elba Police arrested one suspect Monday afternoon, Feb. 6, on multiple counts of robbery – first degree and possession of marijuana charges.

Makail Toney, age 18, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 3:35 p.m. Monday afternoon on four separate counts of rob-

bery – first degree. Two of those charges have a \$60,000 each bond while the other two have a \$40,000 bond each for a total bond of \$200,000 on the robbery charges.

Toney also was charged



Makail Toney

with possession of marijuana – second degree and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The possession of marijuana charge carries a \$1,500 bond, as does the drug paraphernalia charge.

Total bond on all counts for Toney is set at \$203,000. He remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.



**ELBA POLICE AND FIRE WERE DISPATCHED** Wednesday morning, Feb. 1, to the scene of this vehicle fire on Alabama Highway 87 S, about three miles south of Davis Street in Elba. Upon arrival on scene, Elba Police assisted with traffic control as the Elba Volunteer Firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze as quickly as possible. The driver of the vehicle did manage to get out before any injury. The fire was reported just after 7 a.m. last Wednesday morning.



**THIS TWO-VEHICLE WRECK** involving a law enforcement SUV and a car was reported around 4:30 Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7, on Davis Street at the Cordelia Street intersection in downtown Elba. The incident was still being investigated as of press time this week, but initial reports were that the driver of the car ran a stop sign causing the crash with the police vehicle. Also, witnesses said the driver of the car fled the scene after the accident but was caught by officials a short time later. A passenger in the car was being treated for injuries. No further details were yet available as of press time.

## Teachers of the Year recognized at CCBOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday evening, Feb. 2, two teachers were recognized as the Coffee County School System's "Teacher of the Year" for the elementary and secondary levels.

Superintendent Kelly Cobb announced New Brockton Elementary School teacher Dawn Nolin as the Elementary Teacher of the Year for the school system, and she said Connie Nichols, a teacher at New Brockton Middle School, had been named the Secondary Teacher of the Year for the School System. Cobb read recommendation letter's written by peers of each that she said best described the why as to how each teacher received her honor.

Board member Sherry Eddins noted those were "very glowing reviews" for each teacher after Cobb concluded reading the letters. Each board member congratulated the teachers on the special honors.

Also, during the board meeting, Cobb presented



Dawn Nolin  
Elementary Teacher of the Year



Connie Nichols  
Secondary Teacher of the Year

each board member with a certificate and gift of appreciation in honor of School Board Member Month, which was celebrated in January.

Several personnel matters were approved by the board, including three teacher employment. Heartlee Sanders were approved as a teacher at New Brockton High School while Annsley Renfro and Kerry Hussey both were approved as teachers at Kinston Elementary School.

Two certificated employee leave requests were approved. Tami Crosby was approved for cata-

strophic leave, effective Jan. 4, through March 4, tentatively, and Emily Roberts was approved for catastrophic leave, effective Jan. 30th until further notice.

As for classified personnel, the board approved catastrophic leave for Dana Jacobs, from Jan. 11th through Feb. 17th, tentatively. Also, the resignation of Jodene Jernigan as a bus driver for Coffee County Schools was approved, effective Jan. 9th.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m.

## Elba BOE members say teacher presentations show testing trends are moving in right direction

by Linda Hodge, Editor

*This is Part 3 of a series of stories from the Tuesday, Jan. 17, Elba Board of Education meeting. This final part of the series focuses on the board reaction to teacher presentations from both the high school and elementary school on student testing and diagnostics.*

After the high school and elementary school ACAP leadership teams completed their presentations Tuesday, Jan. 17, to Elba Board of Education members regarding student testing and plans for improvement, the overall reaction of the board was that things seem to be headed in the right direction.

"I look at the school as they all are my students," board member DeAnn Grantham said. "When the

report cards came out...I looked at it as if this was my own daughter. I said, 'Oh no. We need to sit down and get a plan together because this is not how we want it to go.'

She said that is basically the reaction she gave to superintendent Chris Moseley when they discussed the results.

"I said to him, 'Oh no. They weren't good; however, what are we going to do? How are we going to move forward because that is the only thing we can do,'" Grantham said. "That is how I wanted to take tonight and approach it."

For her, Grantham said the meeting was not an "explain yourself" thing for the teachers. Instead, she said she viewed it as a meeting between teachers and school leaders to discuss how the schools are moving forward.

## SARCOA program on inflation set for Feb. 22nd at Elba Sr. Citizens Center

SARCOA [South Alabama Regional Council on Aging] will host an "Inflation Fighting Program" at the Elba Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Elba Senior Center is located at 304 Factory Avenue, Elba.

Inflation is creating hardships for many. Every day, the cost of groceries, gasoline, prescription drugs, medical care and cable con-

tinues to rise. There are programs for lower income older adults than can potentially add money back into one's wallet.

This program is open to anyone in the community. It is not limited to senior center participants.

"Make plans to come see what programs might be beneficial to you," said Elba Senior Center director Donna Falls.

## Area Happenings

**The Annual Cotton Expo is back** for cotton producers in the Wiregrass and Tri-State area. It will be held Friday, Feb. 10, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds, Dothan, Ala., from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The expo will feature vendor booths as well as presentations from extension agents and specialists and industry professionals. A sponsored lunch will be provided. For more information, call (334) 693-2010.

**A Feral Swine Control Workshop will be held** Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, Ala., from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. This will be a lunch and learn meeting. Come learn about the Alabama Feral Swine Control Program – what works and what doesn't in feral swine trapping and elimination, along with cost share opportunities offered by Soil Water Conservation. Lunch will be provided for all who register by calling the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596.

**The Elba Lions Club will host** its annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Saturday, March 4, from 6-10 a.m., at the National Security Group Conference Center. A donation of \$5 per plate is requested. Dine-in or takeout.



**ELBA 8U BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM WINS TOURNAMENT...**The Elba Parks and Recreation's Boys 8U team participated in the Pea River Basketball League's season-end tournament last weekend, and the young Tigers brought home the championship trophy. The 8U tournament was held in Samson, Ala., and teams participating included Elba, Samson, Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel. The Elba team and coaches are pictured above with their tourney trophy. They are, left to right: (front) Hunter Kidd, Jacen Mitchell, Micah Tharp, Jace Poole, and Cameron Belcher; (middle) Charles Grant, Antonio Hill, Matthew Free, Meziyon Hammonds, and Chaysen Jones; and (back) Coaches Jason Mitchell, Chris Poole, and Jason Free.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends." – J. K. Rowling

Why a new Alzheimer’s drug is having a slow debut in the U. S. could be the \$26,500 annual price tag, lack of health insurance acceptance and the fact it is only moderately effective, at best. Of course, those of us who have experienced a loved one with this illness will be glad to grasp at any straw that will slow the development of the Alzheimer’s. We are confident that there will ultimately be better and cheaper drugs for this illness, but clearly not today.

The earthquake(s) in Syria and Turkey have hit a population that was already on it’s knees. Civil War in Syria, run-away inflation (90 to 100 percent) in Turkey and buildings that are old, old, old led to massive destruction, many deaths and many more homeless in freezing cold weather. Even with massive aid being promised from all around the world, it can’t get there fast enough for those standing around in the freezing weather, with no shelter, little clothing and probably even less food . . . and loved ones to bury.

We are hardly through one election cycle and already we are getting endorsement letters for candidates in the next election. A bunch of judges in Alabama are up for re-election (or replacement in 2024) and their supporters are hitting the campaign trail. Each of us will be tired of politics long before this next election is over, especially with this early start of campaigning.

Mass shootings continue to occur all across America and often there is no clue as to what prompted the deadly event. Many, if not most, of us react by calling for “more gun control”. Then we think such a move is virtually impossible . . . the bad guy will find a way to get a weapon. We are also reminded of something we read, related to a WWII event. “I saw a movie once where only the police and military have guns. It was called Schindler’s List.” – Unknown. It is the story of a man helping female Jewish victims of the Nazis in Germany. We don’t want that in America, but something has to be done to stop the stupid killings.

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox has had some nibbles from folks interested in investing in Elba (either industry or commercial) and hinted last week that an “announcement” was expected soon.

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Pre-registration underway online for Elba Elementary’s Pre-K program

Pre-Registration is underway for the FIRST CLASS PRE-K, Alabama Voluntary Pre-K Program at Elba City Schools for the 2023-2024 school year. Online pre-registrations are being accepted until March 23, 2023. Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2023. Children who are eligible for kindergarten are not eligible for Pre-K. Enrollees must provide a copy of the child’s birth certificate, proof of residence – either a current utility bill or a copy of a lease or mortgage. Public school system

Pre-K programs have zoning requirements that determine eligibility for attending a program at a particular school.

There is no registration fee. No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

Pre-register online for the Elba Elementary School program at: <https://prek.alaceed.alabama.gov>

Acceptance into a First Class Pre-K program is strictly through random drawing. Elba Elementary School will conduct its drawing March 24, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, and Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Jan. 31** – Suspicious circumstances reported on Factory Ave (5:58 a.m.); Gas leak reported at 412 N Claxton Ave (6:40 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Sawyer St – w/impound (9:21 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 211 Plant Ave (1:28 p.m.); Assault reported at 971 Smith Ave (6:39 p.m.); Assault reported at 971 Smith Ave – w/arrest (9:39 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 490 Hwy 203 (10:17 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one advice given, one verbal warning, and two citations.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1** – Vehicle fire reported on Hwy 87 (7:12 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1007 Forest Ave – w/impound (9:18 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (11:49 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 841 Plant Ave – w/impound (1:45 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (3:07 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Larkin Rd (11:49 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one written warning, one verbal warning, and one citation.

**Thursday, Feb. 2** – Traffic accident reported at Hickman Ave and Industrial Blvd (5:17 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1229 Caroline St (5:37 a.m.);

Criminal mischief reported at 706 Newton St (11:52 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 987 Drayton Ave (5:07 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, two written warnings, and one two citations.

**Friday, Feb. 3** – Trespassing reported at 1229 Caroline St (12:52 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 887 County Rd 401 (9:36 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 203 (10:38 a.m.); Robbery reported at 992 Hwy 203, Suite 1 (5:01 p.m.); Fight reported at 1210 Whitman St (6:30 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Caroline St (6:54 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, five citations, and one written warning.

**Saturday, Feb. 4** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (12:27 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (11:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Court Ave (12:46 p.m.); Harassment reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (3:08 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 920 Payne St (3:24 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hickman Ave (4:43 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Burger King (11:32 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and two citations.

**Sunday, Feb. 5** – Robbery reported on Adkinson Ave (12:08 p.m.); Harassment reported at 615 Jackson Ave (2:56 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 816 Putnam St (3:00

p.m.); Robbery re-reported at Plant Ave and Caroline St (4:56 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, and one citation.

**Monday, Feb. 6** – Disorderly person reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (8:06 a.m.); Identity theft reported at 1507 Powell Circle (11:44 a.m.); Assault reported at 726 Claxton Ave (12:07 p.m.); Burglary reported at 775 N Claxton Ave (12:43 p.m.); Identity

theft reported at 1507 Powell Circle (2:38 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 381 Tiger Dr (3:13 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 410 Moore Ave – w/impound (3:20 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 25 County Rd 410 (4:18 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1501 Martin Luther King Dr (5:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 331 Putnam St (5:20 p.m.).

Cuzin Lou Lou’s Tales from Yonder

Editor’s Note: Cuzin Lou Lou’s tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

The first week or so in February can be a roller coaster for Cuzin Lou Lou, and this year is no different. There are several “special” days that contribute to said roller coaster.

First, Lou Lou gets to celebrate another trip around the sun on her birthday each Feb. 2. Lou Lou enjoys celebrating “her day” each year because it is the one day of the year that Sister must be nice to her! Lou Lou knows that is a hard task for Sister, but she tends to do a good job of treating Lou Lou well on her day of birth.

The two laughed a bit this year because Lou Lou decided on her birthday to purchase a vehicle! She finally decided it was time to let Lou 2 return to her normal job of being the “fun” vehicle, and a daily

ride joined the family.

Lou Lou stayed in the Jeep family for this purchase, and she welcomed Lou 2’s little brother, Renegade, to the gang.

On Feb. 6th, the Yonder Gang turns all focus to Little Bean as she celebrates a birthday too in February. This year, Little Bean turned 3-years-old.

Sister enjoys ragging Lou Lou by reminding her that in “dog years” that means Little Bean is 21 instead of just 3; but, Lou Lou refuses to listen to that hogwash! She insists that Little Bean is still “just a baby” at three-years-old.

As usual, Bean enjoyed being the center of attention on her birthday! She got lots of special treats, and even asked for a few more in between the celebrating. Of course, it is hard to say “no” to that sweet little face. So, she got extra spoiling on her big day.

Now, the hard day in February each year for the Yonder Gang is Feb. 8th as it is the anniversary of Mama’s earthly death. While the gang rejoices in knowing Mama is happy in her eternal home, it is not easy on the gang when this date rolls around each year because it reminds them of their loss.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of Mama’s death. It is hard to believe it has been 20 years since her death, but alas, the calendar insists it to be true.

With each passing year, Lou Lou only hopes that she had done well over the years in making choices and doing things that would have made Mama proud of her. There have certainly been plenty of times that she has wished that Mama was still here to provide her always-sensible advice.

Mama had one of the kindest souls that Lou Lou has ever encountered, and Lou Lou has spent the past 20 years trying to live up to the legacy that Mama left behind. She knows there have been days when she did not achieve that goal, but overall, Lou Lou hopes the wins have far outweighed the losses in that category.

The best advice Lou Lou knows to give anyone in losing a parent...love them while they are here as much as you possibly can. Say, “I love You” often, do things with them, and listen when they speak. There will be a day when you wish you had more chances no matter how well you did or didn’t do it in the past.

Lou Lou’s wish is that if Mama could see her, Sister, and Papa now that she would smile down on them and be proud of how they are living life and treating others.

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## BOE

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results should bleed over into the state testing. That is good because it shows we are going in the right direction."

Senn added that before the meeting, he did not realize Elba had such a mental health issue as was explained by the teachers. He said overall, he had learned that it was a totality of several things that attributed to the less than desired ACAP scores from last school year.

"We definitely do have some great teachers, and when you see me in the schools, it is not that I am there to see if you are doing your job," Senn said. "I am there because I want to know what is happening. I want to be able to help you. Education means a lot to me."

Senn said the board, administrators, teachers, all are there to make the schools better, and he said it is the job of the board to be there for the students and teachers...to help them.

"I applaud you for what you do," he said. "If you see me, it is because I am deeply interested in the education of our students. I believe once you get the elementary school wanting to achieve and believing they can achieve, it will bleed over into the high school."

Board member Kristy Astemborski said the work the teachers are doing to create growth is definitely working because it has made a world of difference for her child.

"The things you are doing to implement incentives, they are working," she said. "If see it in my own child. I just wanted you to know it is working."

Superintendent Moseley closed out the remarks by again thanking the teachers from each school for attending the board meeting and making the presentations.

"Not a single board member ever asked me to have you come explain yourselves," he said to the group. "I wasn't asking you to explain yourselves. I know what you do every day and what you are battling. I just wanted them to hear it from you all."

He said he felt it would sound better coming from those with their feet on the ground working in the trenches each day.

Moseley said the growth is not going to come by leaping over mountains all at once, but instead, he said it will be baby steps forward. He said the trends are showing those baby steps are happening, and growth is occurring.

"If we say we are going to fix it all right now, we are crazy and might as well quit," Moseley said. "We have to find our baby steps and work to move forward areas at a time. The trends show our students are going where they need to. I couldn't be more proud."

In a move to increase parent involvement, Elba Elementary School had a Parent Night event set for Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 5-6 p.m. During this time, 3rd and 5th graders were set to provide a combined musical performance.

Following the performance, parents had an opportunity to meet and talk with faculty and staff, visit their child's classroom, and learn ways to help improve their child's ACAP test scores and their overall school grades.



Recently the Coffee County Farmers Federation Women's Committee passed out the book, "I Love Strawberries!" by Shannon Anderson, to local education centers. The hope is that this book will enable children to see what farmers do to get their food to them. Pictured above are the recipients from (l to r) the Elba Public Library, Elba Elementary School, and Kinston School.

## ELBA Neighborhood Job Fair

Thursday, March 2nd  
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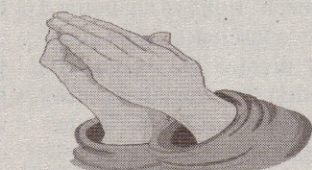
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# Obituaries

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## CLEO ROBERTS

### HINER

Mrs. Cleo Roberts Hiner, age 79, of Trussville, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at her home.

She was a native of Elba, Ala., and after graduating from Elba High School, Cleo worked at The Elba Clipper for many years. She attended Troy State University, where she graduated with a Master's degree in education. She retired after 30 years of teaching in public school systems, including 11 years with the Cobb County Georgia School System.

Cleo joined Gold Star Wives of America Inc. following her husband's death in Vietnam, June 1968. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Burial services followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Hiner was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin Hiner; parents, Joseph and Luna Roberts, brother, Leo Roberts; and longtime companion, Nicholas Thomas. Survivors include her sisters: Joette Roberts, Trussville, Linda (Frank) Herrington, Collinsville, Ala., and Betty (Harold) Walker, Moody, Ala.; sister-in-law: Hazel M Roberts, Marietta, Ga.; nephews: Chris (Christa) Messina, and Greg Messina, both of Dallas, Ga., Matt Roberts,

and Lee Roberts, Marietta, Ga., Jimmy Nielsen, and Michael Nielsen, both of Ogden, Utah; niece: Elizabeth (Preston) Walker, Trussville, and Jennifer (Michael) Arledge, Argo, Ala., along with 10 great-nieces and nephews.

## JOE FRANK WILSON

Mr. Joe Frank Wilson, age 85, a resident of Ariton, Ala., (formerly of Wilson's Landing, Lake Eufaula), died early Sunday evening, Feb. 5, 2023, at his home.

Mr. Wilson, son of the late William Henry Wilson and Mamie Irene Beasley Wilson, was a native of Ariton and attended Ariton High School. He moved to Lake Eufaula in 1980, where he owned and operated Wilson's Landing until 2003.

Mr. Wilson served as Fire Chief in the Screamer Community from 1983 until 1992. In earlier years, he was employed with Hayes International at Napier Field as a supervisor and also with Beasley Honda in Ozark. He owned and operated Wilson's Septic Service until his retirement in 2016.

Mr. Wilson served in the Alabama Army National Guard, Ozark Unit, in his earlier years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, in the Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home Chapel, Ozark, Ala., with Reverend Bill Weed officiating. Burial followed in Universalist Cemetery in Ariton.

Mr. Wilson was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Kaylee Wilson; an infant brother, Billy Jack Wilson; and a nephew, Jeremy Jackson.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years: Elinda "Linda" Jackson Wilson, Ariton; two sons: Danny Joe Wilson, Ozark, and Derick Wilson (Kay), Edwin Community; a brother: Richard Henry Wilson (Kay), Land O'Lakes, Fla.; two grandchildren: Jason Wilson (Anna) and Dillon Wilson (Jordan); a brother-in-law: Kenneth Jackson, Jack, Ala.

## JOHN ALLEN

### ANDERSON

Mr. John Allen Anderson, age 76, of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at his home.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. is serving the Anderson family.

Survivors include his wife: Debra Lynn Anderson, Jack; daughters: Karen (Authur) Carter, Island, Ky., Kim Anderson, Livermore, Ky., Stephanie (Joshua) Diggs, Enterprise, Ala., and Amberly Wilbanks, Jack; sons: Keith (Kay) Anderson, Island, Ky., and Stephen Bailey, Ashland, Ala.; brother: Robert, and sister: Joyce; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## SHELIA RENEA

### BRYANT

Ms. Shelia Renea Bryant, age 61, of Enterprise, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with her family members officiating. Burial will follow in the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Coffee Springs, Ala. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Friday, from 1-2 p.m.

Survivors include her

sons: Willie (Heather) Bryant, Jeffery (Melissa) Bryant, both of Enterprise; mother: Grace Senn, Enterprise; grandsons: Ethan Bryant, Aiden Bryant, both of Enterprise; granddaughters: Whitney Bryant, Khloe Bryant, Savannah Bryant, and Morgan Bryant, all of Enterprise; sisters: Marie Sutley and Sherry (Skip) Barrette, both of Opp, Ala.

## ROBERT WAYNE BRUMLEY

Mr. Robert Wayne Brumley, age 58, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at his residence.

In accordance with his wishes no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Brumley family.

Survivors include wife: Sherry Crook, Elba; mother: Patricia Bridges, Elba; daughters: Rebecca Brumley, Ariz., Brittany Brumley, and Bobbie Brumley, both of Mo.; sisters: Rhonda Brumley, Phyllis Rae, Debbie Henseik, and Sonja Brumley, all of Mo.; brothers: Conrad Brumley, NC, and Timothy. Roubidoux, Elba.

## BEATRICE TINDOL

Ms. Beatrice Tindol, age 93, of Hoover, Ala., died Monday evening, Feb. 6, 2023, at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.

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February can be a trying time for those who have experienced a loss. And while for most, February has other more symbolic meanings, it is also Mend a Broken Heart Month. In the spirit of mending broken hearts, here are a few ways to cope with the grief of a lost loved one.

For those who have experienced a recent loss, the prospect of going out and dating again can seem scary and even disrespectful to their lost partner. There are plenty of dating groups both community and online that specialize in helping widows and widowers find love again after a loss. These groups often provide both emotional support and physical activities to encourage those who are bereaved to mingle and grow together past their grief.

If your grief is still too recent, there are projects that can help ease the pain of loss. If your lost beloved had a favorite shirt or sweater that you don't mind parting with: try adding some pillow filler to the garment and sew up the sleeves and the neck. The completed pillow can now provide some comfort, as if your lost loved has never truly left.

If there was a cause you and your lost loved one supported together: try donating your time or energy to the same cause to honor their legacy. If there was not a cause you and your loved one shared, there are plenty of other causes that are doing great work during the month of February. In addition to Mend a Broken Heart Month, February is also Women's Heart Health Month. Those causes can be supported by donating blankets to those in need, winter coats to the homeless or donating time to visit the lonely in hospice care centers or local nursing homes and hospitals.

This February, take some time to try and mend a broken heart: be it yours or someone else's. Know you are not alone and things will improve.

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## CHURCH & LIFESTYLES

### PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Elba First Assembly of God

February has been called the month of love, because of Valentine's Day. Actually, every month, every week, every day should be a time when we express our love to others.

It's not that we don't say it. We just say it more often than we show it. Love is said more than shown. If "talk is cheap," then actions can be expensive. They take time, effort, and often money. But, just buying something on special days can be very convenient, also.

What we all need is consistent, daily, faithful, heartfelt expressions of love. We need someone to live love daily for us, and we for them.

What an example Jesus was, in both word and deed! In John 15:9-13, he tells us:

1. He has loved us even as his Father has loved him.
2. When we walk in obedience to him, we will remain in his love.
3. He commands (yes, commands) us to love one another in the same way that he loves us. (This is one of those "ouch" commandments, but still a commandment.)
4. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. That was exactly what Jesus did, for you and for me. His words were beautiful, and his actions were sacrificial.

As we come to Valentine's Day, let's not only speak love, but let's show love. Let's live love - for God and for others - every day!

### Vietnam Vets Chapter 373 announces Feb. 25th meeting plans in Ozark, Ala.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 373 will meet Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m., at the Friends of Army Aviation Hangar in Ozark, Ala., located at 189 Heritage Way, in the conference room.

There will not be an optional breakfast at this meeting due to the Friends of Army Aviation being out of town for an airshow. The date of the meeting was changed due to a conflict with the VVA State Council meeting.

The Feb. 25th meeting is open to members and those that served in the Republic of Vietnam (Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975) and ear veterans in any duty location between (Aug. 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975) interested in Vietnam veterans' issues.

For additional information, contact: bob.bcooper@gmail.com

### Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center. Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.



During the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 regular meeting Monday, Feb. 6, the members awarded Fellow Craft degrees to Charles Randall Hawthorne and Joshua Dewayne Carnley. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship during this special time. Masons pictured above include: (front, l to r) Allan Crenshaw, Chris Sanders, Tyler Simmons, Joshua Carnley, Randal (Randy) Hawthorne, Joe Daughtery, Jerome Blackmon, Mike Amison, Joe Watson, Blake Austin, and Drexell Richards; (middle, l to r) Michael Phelps, James Mowery, Matt Brunson Sr, Mike Phitman, Matt Brunson Jr, Howard Oliver, Steve Dewberry, Heath Hornsby, and Harry Young; (third row, l to r) Eddie Kelley, Shane Goude, Larry Shaw, Mike Murphy, James Beasley, Steven Sharpe, and Bill Stump; and (back row) Tommy Morrow and Joel Moore.

### Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



**Scripture:** God's people need to do three things. 2 Chronicles 7:14

#### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Emily Newsom, Single Mothers, All Hospital Patients, Julie Glasco, Katie Hamilton, Rushie Culver, Albert Walker, Gene Culver, Larry Rogers, Andrew Daniels

#### February / March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sterl Jones 2/25  
Brittany Caldwell 2/26  
Alonzo "Flake" Cole 2/27  
Jovon Smedley 2/27  
Tarlisa Warren 2/28  
Enterprise H.S. Students and One Adult off campus 2007 Tornado 3/1 (in memory)  
Tina Neal 3/1  
Alicia Rowe 3/1  
Rev. W.L. Peterson 3/2  
Devonta Tillis 3/2  
Chris West 3/2  
Brandon & Eliza Kelley 3/2 W.A.

#### In Honor of Black History Month - A Look at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Diverse Church United

Dr. Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech rightly challenged the conscience of a country divided by racism. His vision for racial equality was rooted in his understanding of the scriptures. For King, the uneven terrain of Isaiah 40: 3-5 represented the decades of racial injustice that fueled and was fueled by segregation. King's dream wasn't wishful thinking or idle hope. He challenged his audience to participate in leveling "the mountain of despair." A nation changed its laws and began to repent of its racism as a result (with a way yet to go). King's dream of racial equality was preceded by John's vision of a multinational, multiethnic

redeemed people of God who are unified in their praise to Him. Having read of that heavenly outcome, the question then becomes one of what we should be doing to bring it about. What are we doing to have a church on earth that is as unified in its diversity as the redeemed people of God in John's vision? - L.G.S.

#### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 2/9/23 Multiple Choice

**Q:** The man in the synagogue suffered from what? (withered hand, blindness, leprosy)

**A:** Withered Hand [Matthew 12: 9,10]

**Q:** Paul spoke of giving in terms of (obligation, grace, obedience)?

**A:** Grace [2 Corinthians 8:7]

**Q:** A "drink offering" consists of what? (water, wine, blood)

**A:** Wine [Leviticus 23:13]

#### Saying that Makes Sense Jesus Cares He Who Laughs - Lasts

#### Questions for the Week of 2/16/23 Multiple Choice

**Q:** What sort of giver does the Lord love? (generous, consistent, cheerful)

**Q:** Jesus predicted that Peter's death would do what? (unify the church, cause panic, glorify God)

**Today is a good day! Be grateful.  
Eria's Daughter, Sue**

### Elba Masonic Lodge #170 holds Pancake Supper

Members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a 'Pancake Supper' during the evening of Monday, Jan. 30, beginning at 5 p.m. There were 56 people in attendance for the event, and reportedly everyone had plenty to eat while enjoying a good time. Below and to the right are a couple of photos from the event.



### Butler makes President's List at WCC

Jason Butler of New Brockton, Ala., recently was named to the President's List for the Fall 2022 semester at Wallace Community College.

Students named to the President's list must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of college level coursework with a grade point average of 4.0.

### New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more info., contact Conzuella Banks, center manager.



### RWCC meeting set for Feb. 15th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speaker will be Loren Spivack, a conservative author, political activist, economist, and founder of Free Market Warrior. Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$12 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required.

RSVP to Shannon no later than Sunday, Feb. 12 at 334-494-2753 or rwc-reservations@gmail.com. Please indicate if be eating.

### Locals graduate from Troy University

Troy University recently recognized students who completed the requirements for graduation during the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2022/2023 academic year.

The Fall Semester includes graduates from the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 2 graduates include students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

Local students who graduated included: Morgan Windham, Bhret Flowers, Kerry Hussey, Kyishaudra Jones, and Annsley Renfro, all of Elba; Alexandria Curtis, Whitney Childs, and Savannah Parker, all of Jack; and Taylor Jones, Enterprise.

### Upcoming events announced by Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of AL

#### Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:

Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have five (5) classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. First class in a series of four classes. IN PERSON CLASSES.

#### Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, 11 a.m.:

Memorial Service for Tim Mitchell. Lunch at 12 (Noon) followed by Tribal Meeting 1 p.m. Zoom will have prior approval for use. Mandatory SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TODAY OR OTHERWISE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

#### Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:

Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have 4 classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. Second class in a series of five classes.

Note: All meetings/events will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba. All are open to the public. For additional information, call (334) 897-3207.

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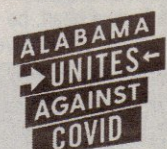
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Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or at [www.elbaal.gov/job-opportunities](http://www.elbaal.gov/job-opportunities).

All applications should be submitted to City Hall either in person or via email to: [info@elbaal.gov](mailto:info@elbaal.gov).

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## LEGAL NOTICES:

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NEIL HENDERSON  
Deceased

Case No: PC 2023-003

#### NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County - Elba Division on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, for distribution of assets from the Estate of Neil Henderson, deceased, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof, and

pursuant to law, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of said decedent.

WITNESS my hand and seal this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023.

/s/Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson  
JUDGE OF PROBATE  
2/9-pd.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with S32 Chapter 13 codes of Alabama 1975, the following vehicles will be sold at auction on Thursday, March 10, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m. at Batten's Paint & Body, 1252 Geneva Hwy, Enterprise, AL 36330. 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe V.I.N (1GNFC33J69J123145) 2/2&9-chg

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of CHERYL ELIZABETH NICHOLS  
Deceased

Case NO: PC2023-001

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ann T. Nichols and Carol Nichols Mashburn, as Co-Executrices of the Estate of Cheryl Elizabeth Nichols, deceased, on the 10th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

s/s Gypsy Morrow Smith  
Gypsy Morrow Smith (MOR100)  
Attorney for Co-Executrices  
119 E. Three Notch Street  
Andalusia, Alabama 36420  
(334) 222-8220  
1/26,2/2&9-pd.

#### SECTION 00020

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII, AL09-P107-501-22 until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the central office of the Authority, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII, HUD Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-22. The Work of the base bid shall include, but is not necessarily limited to the replacement of HVAC units and work incidental thereunto. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings. Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 and The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull St., Suite 210, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Copies of contract documents may be obtained by depositing \$200.00 with The Architectural Office of William J. Peek for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within ten days after bid opening.

Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted.

Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable Surety Companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the

contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted.

Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms. The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

**The Housing Authority of the City of Elba**

**By: Laurie Chapman**

**Title: Executive Director**

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#### PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with S32 Chapter 13 codes of Alabama 1975, the following vehicles will be sold at auction on Thursday, March 10, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m. at Batten's Paint & Body, 1252 Geneva Hwy, Enterprise, AL 36330. 2006 BMW 325 V.I.N (WBABV13456JT24804) 2012 BMW Alpina B7 V.I.N (WBAK8C53CDX01282) 2/2,9-chg

#### NOTICE

**The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors** is currently seeking bids for the lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming 2023 mowing season. All interested contractors are encouraged to go by the Elba City Hall to pick up a packet containing information and requirements to successfully submit a bid for this annual contract. All Bids are required to be turned in to Elba City Hall no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 24, 2023. The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

1,26/2-2,9,16-chg

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE.

An online sale will be held at <[www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com)> for A-Less Storage, Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 P.M. Thursday, February 23, 2023. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34

UNIT A50 - ROY FEARS HHG  
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UNIT A15 AMY BOWERS HHG  
2/9,15-chg

**Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. STPNU-1623(250) COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 24, 2023 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on CR-636 from the junction of SR-87 to the junction of SR-27 south of Enterprise. Length 8.985 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Forty (40) Working Days. 9,16,23-chg A 2.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$5.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Mont-

gomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$1,491,127 To \$1,822,489.

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

**JOHN R. COOPER**  
**Transportation Director**  
2,9,16&23-chg.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The estate of JAMES CICERO HENDERSON, JR.,  
Deceased.

Case No.: PC 2023-002

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration on the Estate of James Cicero Henderson, Jr., deceased, having been granted to Marsha Hudson, Administrator, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court, Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Marsha Hudson  
**Marsha Hudson**  
Petitioner

Preston Register, Attorney  
360 N. Oates St.  
Dothan, AL 36303  
334-793-3610  
2/9,16&23-pd.



SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The entire family joined together over the weekend to help our daughter Melanie celebrate her birthday, and while our baby grandson Cannon was more than content to drink from his bottle, Lawson took advantage of the occasion to order steak and shrimp. Whatever happened to the child's plate with chicken fingers and fries?


For what it is worth....

\*\*\* The regular season came to an end last week and it was a successful season for the teams at Elba High as the Tigers posted a 16-13 record, the Lady Tigers posted a 20-6 record and the JV Tigers rolled to an 18-2 record. The Tigers had an up and down season of streaks and were not as successful as they had hoped in area play, but posted ten wins over 2A teams and three wins over 3A teams, which wasn't bad for a 1A team that started only one senior and had not posted a winning record in four years. The Lady Tigers were also a very young team that relied on an aggressive defense and a high-scoring sophomore to lead the way, and once again proved that they are a power that is here to stay. The JV Tigers barely had enough players to even field a team, but came together and rolled to one of its best records ever and set the tone for what should be years of winning. Yep, it was a great year to cheer for the Tigers and Lady Tigers!

\*\*\* Looking around the area, it was also a solid year for all the teams in the coverage area. In boy's play, Brantley remained a 1A power and as always has its eyes set on bringing home a state title, while Kinston took a giant step forward and had its best team in years, New Brockton continued its trek back to respectability and posted some big wins, and Zion Chapel again won more than its share of games and made it clear the Rebels are here to stay. Over with the girls, New Brockton snapped a long losing streak and emerged into a solid team with high goals for the future, while Zion Chapel picked up some wins late in the season and took a big step toward a return to being a winning program, Kinston improved every time it took the court and by the end of the regular season was a team to watch, and Brantley wasn't quite as good as in years past, but won more than its share of games and made the fans in green and white proud. While basketball may not be quite as strong as it was years back, it is still a sport the players, coaches and fans enjoy, and the season was one they will all remember.


\*\*\* It's hard to believe, but the high school baseball and softball seasons will start in just a week and that means it is time to pull out the folding chairs and get outside. While it is obviously way too early to make predictions, it looks like Elba will be competitive and have a solid shot at a trip to the post-season, while New Brockton has established itself as solid 3A club that always looks to make the playoffs, Kinston has almost everyone back from a year ago and should be solid, Zion Chapel is convinced it can beat anybody on its schedule after a couple of successful years, and Brantley should be just as good as always. On the softball field, Elba will be young, but has high hopes for a winning season, while New Brockton is a proven winner and should make some noise, Kinston has a new coach and high hopes of being big winners, Zion Chapel always plays hard and plays to win, and Brantley is anxious to get back on the field and try to add to its state title collection. Fresh air, sunshine and the sounds of bats hitting balls...can't beat it!

\*\*\* In closing.... The University of Alabama released its financial figures from its athletic department last week and once again there is no doubt the athletic department at the university is a big, big business. The department took in a record \$214.4 million, and while spending went up by over \$34 million, at the end of the day there was still a profit \$18.5 million. The biggest money maker, as always, was football, which brought in \$130.9 million in revenue and showed a profit of \$52.3 million, and made it possible to field many other non-profit sports. The revenue figures included \$44.2 million from ticket sales, \$52.3 million from contributions, \$53.6 million from media rights and \$15.1 million in royalties from licensing. The biggest expenditures were \$34.2 million to support staff, \$18.9 million to student aid, \$35.1 million in coaching salaries and \$22.3 million to dent service. Looks like it takes a lot of people and money to make the 'Tide Roll.'




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Improve record to 16-13

Elba Tigers claw Rebels 73-65

The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season last week with a pair of road games and bounced back from an early-week 72-37 loss to Brantley to outscore Zion Chapel 73-65 as they finished the regular season campaign with a 16-13 record.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Brantley 72 Elba 37

The Elba Tigers saw an early 12-5 lead vanish quickly in a 72-37 area loss to the Brantley Bulldogs.

Elba came out ready to play in its area finale and sparked by the play of Alvin Henderson and Cameron Gray surprised Brantley by grabbing a 12-5 lead with 3:23 remaining in the opening quarter. Brantley used a 9-0 run to go in front 14-12 late in the stanza and led by Keldric Brown carried a 16-14 lead into the second quarter. The Bulldogs opened the second quarter with a 13-2 run to stretch their lead to 29-16 with 3:15 left in the half, and closed the half with a 6-0 run to carry a 37-20 advantage in at intermission.

Elba showed life early in the third quarter with four quick points and got as close as 39-26 with 5:24 left in the quarter on a basket by Alvin Henderson. However, Brantley never lost command and outscored the Tigers 17-3 in the final stanza to hand Elba the lopsided 72-37 defeat.

Alvin Henderson scored 15 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Brayden Johnson 6, Ty Sieving 5, Cameron Gray 3, Jacob Watkins 3, JT Coleman 2, Cayden Adkins 2 and Jamal Siler 1.

Keldric Brown scored 21 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and Jayden Parks added 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Brantley, while also scoring for the Bulldogs were Jackson Mitchell 10, Robert Shine 8, Jordan Parks 5, Jon Kilcrease 5, Jr. Bogan 4 and Jon Bush 3.

Elba 73 Zion Chapel 65

The Elba Tigers used a 15-0 first quarter run to erase an early 6-0 deficit and turned back a number of Zion Chapel rallies to outscore the Rebels 73-65.

Zion Chapel gave a

Elba Tiger JV finish season with stellar 18-2 record

The Elba Tigers wrapped up junior varsity action last week with a 51-44 loss to Brantley and a 37-23 win over Zion Chapel to close the season with an outstanding 18-2 record.

In the 51-44 loss to Brantley, the Tigers owned a big 28-12 halftime advantage and appeared to be headed for an easy win, only to see the Bulldogs rally and pour in 39 second half points to post the win.

Javante Griggs scored 16 points and Kalil Magwood added 12 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Emmanuel Cooks 7, Brady Johnson 6 and Jordan Hammonds 1.

In the 37-23 win over

Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) goes over a Brantley defender for a basket in recent basketball action. The Tigers will compete this week in the Class 1A, Area tournament, in Florida.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

large senior night crowd something to cheer about early as the Rebels raced out to a quick 6-0 lead. However, Elba's Alvin Henderson scored 7 points and Ty Sieving and Brayden Johnson both connected on three-pointers for the Tigers during a 15-0 run as the Tigers rallied to carry a 15-6 lead into the second stanza. Jacob Chestnut got hot from behind the arc in the second quarter as he drained four three-pointers and scored a total of 16 points as the Rebels pulled within 34-30 at the half, while Slade Grantham scored 10 points in the third quarter and Chestnut added two more three-pointers to cut the Tigers lead to 50-48 heading into the fourth quarter. The pace of the game never slowed in the final stanza, and while Chestnut was a perfect 7 of 7 from the free-throw line in the quarter, Elba's Alvin Henderson scored seven points and the Tigers hit on 5 of 9 free throws to hold on and claim the wild

73-65 road win.

Alvin Henderson scored 18 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were JT Coleman 13, Brayden Adkins 12, Cayden Adkins 12, Cameron Gray 6, Ty Sieving 6, Jacob Watkins 4 and Jamal Siler 2.


Jacob Chestnut scored 28 points and Slade Grantham added 16 to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring for the Rebels were Mason Stuart 9 and Joseph Legear 9.

Elba JV Tiger Javante Griggs (4) drives in for a layup in recent basketball action. The Tiger JV posted an 18-2 record during the season and closed the season with a road win over Zion Chapel.

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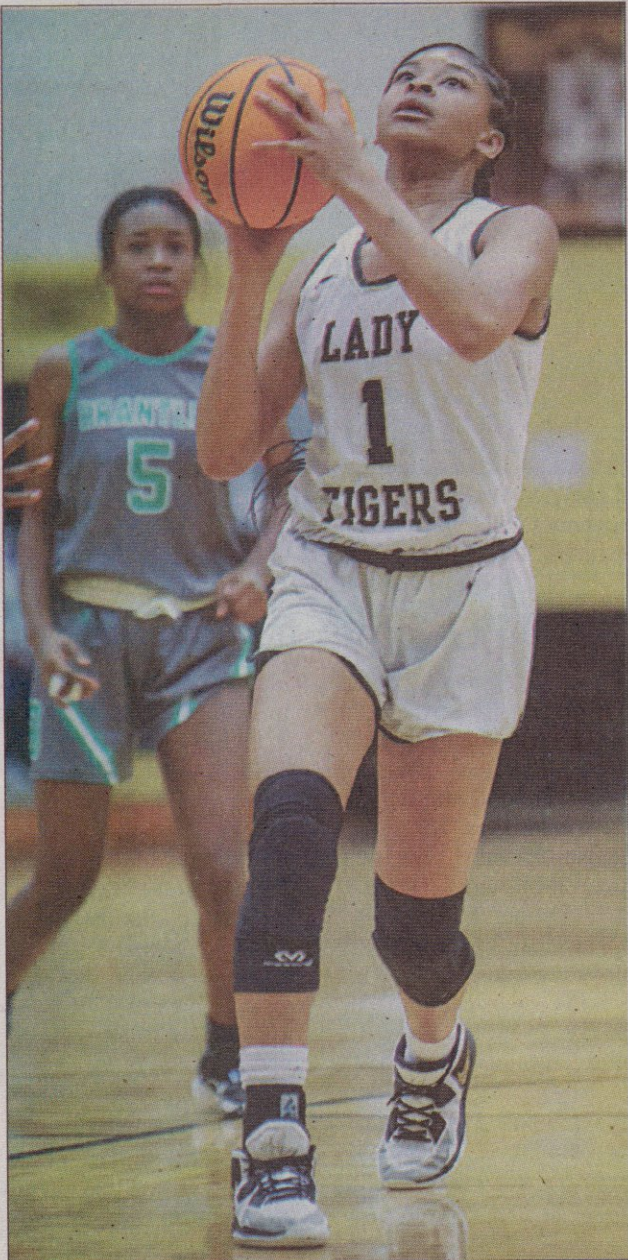
  
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Elba Lady Tiger Brooke Tinsley (1) drives to the basket in a recent win. The Lady Tigers closed the regular season with a 20-6 record and the area title.

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Mapping the....  
“Tournament Trail”

BOYS:

Class 1A, Area 2, at Florala  
Thursday, Feb. 9  
6:00 – Brantley vs. Kinston  
7:30 – Elba vs. Florala  
Saturday, Feb. 11  
7:00 – Championship Game  
Class 1A, Area 3, at Red Level  
Wednesday, Feb. 8  
5:00 – Georgiana vs. Pleasant Home  
8:00 – Red Level vs. J.F. Shields  
Friday, Feb. 10  
6:30 – Championship Game  
Class 2A, Area 4, at Highland Home  
Thursday, Feb. 9  
5:30 – Zion Chapel vs. Luverne  
7:00 – Highland Home vs. Pike Lib/Goshen  
Saturday, Feb. 11  
6:00 – Championship Game  
Class 3A, Area 4, at Opp  
Friday, Feb. 10  
6:00 – Championship Game  
(Opp, Daleville, New Brockton, Pike County)

GIRLS:

Class 1A, Area2, at Elba  
Wednesday, Feb. 8  
6:00 – Florala vs. Brantley  
7:30 – Elba vs. Kinston  
Friday, Feb. 10  
7:00 – Championship Game  
Class 1A, Area 3, at Red Level  
Wednesday, Feb. 8  
3:30 – J.F. Shields vs. Georgiana  
6:30 – Red Level vs. Pleasant Home  
Friday, Feb. 10  
5:00 – Championship Game  
Class 2A, Area 4, at Luverne  
Wednesday, Feb. 8  
5:30 – Highland Home vs. Goshen  
7:00 – Zion Chapel vs. Luverne  
Friday, Feb. 10  
6:00 – Championship Game  
Class 3A, Area 4, at Pike County  
Thursday, Feb. 9  
6:00 – Championship Game  
(Pike County, Daleville, New Brockton, Opp)



HUNTING SPOTLIGHT...Lillie Daniels, age 7, of the Basin Community in Elba, killed this spike deer Wednesday, Feb. 1, while hunting with her dad, Claude Daniels. This was Lillie's first deer kill, and both she and dad were very excited.

Up record to 20-6

Elba Lady Tigers claim area title

The eighth-ranked Elba Lady Tigers put an exclamation mark on an outstanding season last week with a pair of road wins over Brantley 49-34 and Zion Chapel 63-37 to wrap up the area title and post a 20-6 record.

Following is a recap of both wins:

Elba 49 Brantley 34

The Elba Lady Tigers raced out to an early 12-2 lead and never looked back as they knocked off the Brantley Lady Tigers 49-34 to close out area play with a perfect 8-0 record.

Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield and Ana Caldwell combined for 11 points in the opening six minutes of the first quarter to help the Lady Tigers grab an early 12-2 lead, and the onslaught continued into the second quarter as their lead ballooned to 20-4 with 4:23 remaining in the quarter on a Whitfield basket.

Brantley, sparked by the play of Myia Mount and Alex Grimes, closed the first half with a 6-0 run and opened the second half with three quick points to pull within 22-15. However, Elba had a quick response, and led by the scoring punch of Kendra Juarez and Tajah Purvis went on a 14-1 run to stretch its lead to 36-16 with 2:33 left in the stanza. The area rivals swapped baskets for the remained of the game and at the final horn the Lady Tigers left the court with the 49-34

win. A'Lyric Whitfield scored 19 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ana Caldwell 10, Tajah Purvis 8, Kendra Juarez 5, Ny'Asia McCollough 2 and Yada Caldwell 2.

Jahyia Oliver scored 10 points to lead Brantley, while also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Coco Stamps 6, Alex Grimes 6, Myia Mount 6, Kenya Clayton 4 and AC Free 2.

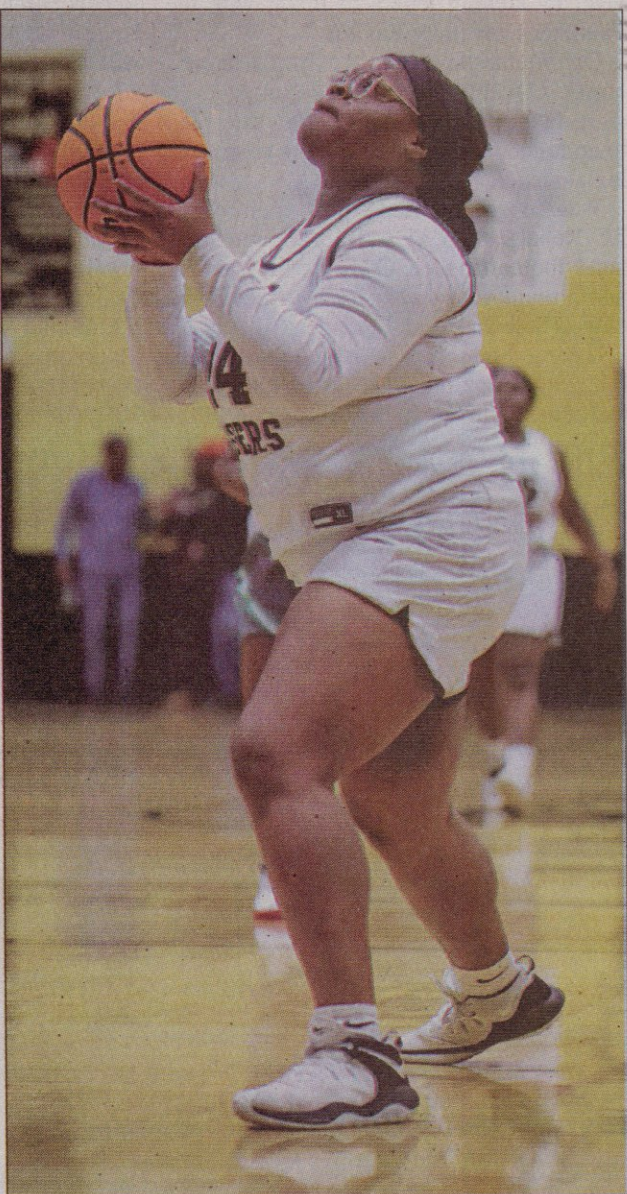
Elba 63 Zion Chapel 37

The Elba Lady Tigers used a 20-1 second quarter run to take command and coasted in with a big 63-37 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels.

Elba's Tajah Purvis scored 8 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 5 points in the first quarter as the Lady Tigers eased out to a 13-12 lead, and the lead stood at 15-14 early in the second quarter when Whitfield caught fire and connected on five three-pointers to spark a 31-point explosion as Elba carried a 44-20 lead in at intermission.

Whitfield and Yada Caldwell scored 6 points, apiece, in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers lead grew to 61-27, but the Lady Rebels never quit despite the lopsided score and behind the play of Madison Meeks and Jasie Herbert poured in 10 fourth quarter points as Elba posted the 63-37 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 30 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the



Elba Lady Tiger Yada Caldwell (24) eyes the basket in recent high school basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Lady Tigers were Yada Caldwell 8, Tajah Purvis 8, Ana Caldwell 7, Kendra Juarez 4, DeeDee Lockett 2, Keelie Moseley 2 and Alayvia Stinson 1. Shea Wambles scored 11 points and Madison Meeks added 10 to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring for the Lady Rebels were Meri Prescott 4, Jasie Herbert 4, Riley Bannin 5 and Hannah Finger 3.

High School  
ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

Brantley tames Tigers 61-54

The Brantley Bulldogs had to fight for all four quarters to escape with a 61-54 win over the Straughn Tigers. Jayden Parks scored 23 points and Jordan Parks added 15 points to lead the Bulldogs.

'Brockton drops Rebels 63-58

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted an exciting 63-58 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, Matthew Smith scored 16 points and Yassiah Rousseau added 15 to lead the Gamecocks, while Joseph Legear scored 20 and Mason Stuart added 15 for the Rebels.

Bulldogs zap Zion Chapel 75-72

Kinston's Connor Tew drained a three-pointer at the buzzer to lift the Bulldogs to a wild 75-72 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Cale Sumblin scored 33 points to lead Kinston, while Connor Tew and Reece Hall both added 12 points. Slade Grantham and Jacob Chestnut both scored 30 points to lead the Bulldogs.

Rebels tame Panthers 58-53

The Zion Chapel Rebels snapped a late-season losing streak with a solid 58-53 road win over the Wicksburg Panthers. Jacob Chestnut hit six three-pointers and scored 28 points to lead the Rebels, while Slade Grantham added 12 points. Gabe Glover scored 17 points for the Panthers.

Gamecocks claw Tigers 58-47

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their late-season surge with a 58-47 road win over the Samson Tigers. Yassiah Rousseau and Baylon Foster both scored 16 points and Anthony Silar added 10 to lead the Gamecocks, while Peyton Pitts scored 17 points for the Tigers.

Brantley Bulldogs tame Tigers 50-37

The Brantley Bulldogs remained on a roll with an impressive 50-37 win over the Luverne Tigers. Jayden Parks scored 13 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Robert Shine added 11 points and 8 rebounds and Keldric Brown scored 10 points and pulled down 12 rebounds.

GIRLS:

Kinston falls to Samson 39-35

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 39-35 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Kaley Norris scored 15 points and Lilli Sumblin added 13 to lead Kinston, while Brantley Edberg scored 15 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead the Lady Tigers.

'Brockton bops Lady Rebels 57-44

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks posted an

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impressive 57-44 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Reese Eddins scored 17 points and Ariana Smith added 10 to lead New Brockton, while Shea Wambles led the Lady Rebels with 11 points.

Kinston rips Zion Chapel 62-39

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs took charge early in a 62-39 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Kaley Norris scored 38 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead Kinston, while Maggie Martin added 9 points and Rachel Hall handed out 8 assists.

Lady Gamecocks fall to Samson 57-34

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a 57-34 road loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Ariana Smith scored 10 points and Reese Eddins added 9 to lead New Brockton, while Brantley Edberg scored 21 points and Holly Warren added 12 to spark the Lady Tigers.

Z.C. whipped by Wicksburg 49-45

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels put up a fight for all four quarters in a 49-45 road loss to the Wicksburg Lady Panthers. Shea Wambles scored 16 points tom lead the Lady Rebels, while Wicksburg was led by Bella Sanders with 19 points.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Two Zion Chapel students sign their 'letter of intent' to play football at Faulkner University

Two Zion Chapel students revealed their plans last week to play football at the next level by signing letters of intent with the Faulkner University Eagles.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, Zion Chapel's Hayden Walden and Shaun Smith each signed letters of intent indicating they plan to continue their football careers at the collegiate level.

Walden was an offensive lineman for the ZC Rebels. At 6'3" and 285 pounds, ZC head football coach Cody Keene said he was a multi-year starter for the Rebels and played both tackle and guard.

During his senior season, Keene said Walden graded out at 85.4 percent on his assignments with 10 pancakes and eight

knockdowns.

Smith was an inside linebacker for the Rebels defense. At 5'11" and 210 pounds, Keene said he had a total of 54 tackles with two for losses. Also on the season, he accounted for 3.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one blocked kick.

Smith also played on the offensive line, and Keene said he graded at 89.5 percent with nine pancakes and two knockdowns.

Walden and Smith were joined by their family last Wednesday for the signing ceremony held at Zion Chapel School.

Faulkner University is located in Montgomery, Ala. The Eagles play football as part of the Mid-South Conference in the NAIA division.



Shaun Smith (center, left) and Hayden Walden (center, right) are each surrounded by their family during the signing ceremony held last Wednesday afternoon at Zion Chapel School. Both signed 'letters of intent' to play college football at Faulkner University, located in Montgomery, Ala.

### Elba Parks & Rec set to host Pea River Basketball 10U and 12U Boys tournaments

#### Registration also underway for youth baseball/softball season with Elba Parks & Recreation

Tournament basketball Parks and Recreation host- Thursday evening, Feb. 9, at the Elba Elementary School gymnasium. 10U Boys and 12U Boys tourneys. Feb. 9th - 11th with Elba Games will begin action will be at 6 p.m.

with Samson versus Kinston [Game 1]. Also, on Thursday night, 12U action has New Brockton facing Kinston [Game 1] at 7:15 p.m.

On Friday evening, Feb. 10, the tournament

action gets underway at 6 p.m., again at the Elba Elementary School gymnasium with New Brockton facing Elba [Game 2], and the winner from Thursday's Samson/Kinston game will face Zion Chapel [Game 3] at 7:15 p.m.

The 12U tourney will move to the Elba High School gymnasium on Friday evening, Feb. 10, with the Zion Chapel/Samson game [Game 2] slated for 6 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., the winner of Thursday's Game 1 will face Elba [in Game 3].

On Saturday, Feb. 11, games resume at 8:30 a.m. at both the EES and EHS gyms.

10U boys will be at the EES gym beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the Game 1 loser facing the Game 2 loser. A 9:45 a.m. game [Game 5] will follow at the EES gym featuring the Game 2 winner and the Game 3 winner.

At 11 a.m., 10U action also moves to the Elba High School gym for Game 6 featuring the Game 4 winner taking on the Game 3 loser. At 1:30 p.m. [Game 7], the Game 5 loser will face the Game 6 winner.

The championship game [Game 8] will be at 4 p.m. for 10U boys with winner of Game 5 taking on the winner of Game 7. If the Game 5 winner suffers its first loss, an "if necessary" game would follow at 6:30 p.m. to determine the champion.

The 12U games on Saturday at the EHS gymnasium will begin at 8:30 a.m. [Game 4] featuring the Game 1 loser taking on the Game 2 loser. At 9:45 a.m., Game 5 will feature the Game 2 winner taking on the Game 3 winner, and a 12:15 p.m. contest will pit the Game 4 loser against the Game 3 loser. A 2:45 p.m. match [Game 7] will feature the Game 5 loser against the Game 6 loser.

The championship game will be at 4 p.m. for 12U boys with winner of Game 5 taking on the winner of Game 7. If the Game 5 winner suffers its first loss, an "if necessary" game would follow at 6:30 p.m. to determine the champion.

Nightwalks will take place on the boardwalk. Warm up in the Interpretive Center after stargazing and enjoy out of this world snacks, space crafts, and a presentation on Astronomy Science in our Auditorium!

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[Game 8] will begin at 5:15 p.m. with the Game 5 winner taking on the Game 7 winner. Should the Game 5 winner lose this match, an "if necessary" game would follow at 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 8 or immediately after the 10 "if necessary" game.

Local basketball fans are encouraged to support their favorites teams during these tournaments.

Looking beyond basketball, youth baseball/softball registration is underway now for Elba Parks and Recreation. This is an online process at elba.recdesk.com.

How to register a child or children at elba.recdesk.com (set up profile, register for programs, and checkout/payments):

- Click (Community/Member/Signup) to begin process of entering profile - then click "Continue"

- Fill out all fields and click "Submit" to complete the profile setup process

- Be sure to do this for ALL FAMILY MEMBERS who will be registering for or paying for (Parents/Guardians) programs. New family members can be added by going to your profile page and clicking the "Add Household Member" link

- Registrations can be initiated by either clicking on the "Register" button on the Program List page or while viewing the Program Detail

- This will display the Program Registration form. Choose the Family Member registering for the program (not the parent/guardian), the appropriate Fee Type, and then answer any additional questions that may be required for the program

- The new Registration will be added to your "Shopping Cart" and is ready for payment. At this point, you can add more registrations to the shopping cart or complete the registration(s) by going through the "Payment/Checkout" process

- Registrations are not complete until you go through the Checkout Process. If there are pending registrations in your cart, go to your shopping cart and click "Checkout"

- You will be directed to a "Waiver Page" where you must click Accept to continue

- Fill out credit card information and click "Continue". You will then be presented with a summary of the transaction (including processing fees). Click "OK" to complete the transaction or "Cancel" to go back

- If you clicked "OK" your credit card will be processed, and the registration process will be complete.

The deadline to register for youth baseball/softball with the Elba Parks and Recreation for 2023 is Tuesday, Feb. 14. Call (334) 897-6833 for additional information.

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